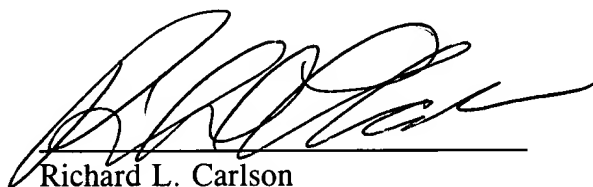


REMARKS

The above amendments are made with reference to the enclosed English language translation of the German language application and are made to conform this German language application to the United States Patent and Trademark Office rules of practice as well as to eliminate the multiple dependency of the claims. Accordingly, favorable consideration and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

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